

*****June 10, 2019*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a regular meeting on Monday, June 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Dan Landrum
Councilmember Bill Lusk
Councilmember Susannah Murdock
Councilmember Robert Spalding

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Town Attorney Harry Cash
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White
See attached list for others present

Mayor Landrum led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Citizen Comments

Anne Hagood, James Boulevard, spoke in opposition to selling the water department. She said that while no one wants a tax increase, if you want services you must pay for them.

Dun Monroe, Cherokee Lane, spoke in opposition to selling the water department.

Alexian Sign Variance Request

Council was presented with a variance request from Alexian for three signs. Following discussion, Mayor Landrum made a motion to deny the variance as requested. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Mayor Landrum made a motion to amend the variance request to approve the variation on signs E-9 and E-14. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. Following discussion, the motion failed with Mayor Landrum, Councilmember Lusk, and Councilmember Murdock opposed and with Councilmember Spalding in favor.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WASTE SERVICES OF TENNESSEE, LLC, (SANTEK) IN AN ANNUAL AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND AND EIGHT AND 68/100 (\$230,008.68) DOLLARS, FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022, AS THE LOWEST AND BEST BID FOR THE HAULING AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE FROM THE TOWN TRANSFER STATION."

Mayor Landrum made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

2. "A RESOLUTION OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE DOLLARS AND 16/100 (\$16,671.16) FOR THE CONTRACT WITH RAINES BROTHERS, INC. FOR RENOVATIONS AND REPAIRS TO THE MOUNTAIN ARTS COMMUNITY CENTER."

Mayor Landrum made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

3. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO BRIAN SITTON CONSTRUCTION FOR CULVERT REPLACEMENT LOCATED AT WINDTREE DRIVE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-THREE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS (\$43,330.00) AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AWARD."

Councilmember Spalding made a motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Landrum seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

4. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH THE SOUTHEAST TENNESSEE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT FOR PLANNING STAFFING SERVICES IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$15,350.00) PER YEAR."

Mayor Landrum made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved.

Public Hearing

Re-Zoning – Short Term Rental

Mayor Landrum invited comments from the audience.

There being no public comment, the meeting was resumed.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-801 OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE TO GIVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER THE POWER TO HEAR VIOLATIONS OF LOCALLY ADOPTED ZONING CODES."

Councilmember Lusk made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Mayor Landrum seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the second reading.

2. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE IX OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE BY ENACTING A CHAPTER III THEREOF TO ADDRESS THE REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS WITHIN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

Mayor Landrum made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the second reading.

3. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE III AND ARTICLE IV OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS THE REGULATION OF SHORT TERM VACATION RENTALS WITHIN THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN."

Mayor Landrum made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the second reading.

4. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 10, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 10-102(3)(i) OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE IN REFERENCE TO KEEPING CHICKENS AND OTHER FOWL IN THE TOWN."

Mayor Landrum made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the second reading.

5. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NUMBERS 2018-08 AND 2019-01, ENTITLED THE "FY 2018-2019 BUDGET ORDINANCE," SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES IN THIS BUDGET YEAR."

Mayor Landrum made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the first reading.

Discussion

- a. FY 2019-2020 Budget. During discussions, Mayor Landrum stated that Councilmember Speek had sent a message that she would like read to the Council regarding this item. Town Attorney, Harry Cash, informed the Council that a Council member must be physically present at the meeting to be heard.

Ordinances

6. AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

BEGINNING JULY 1, 2019 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS THE "FY 2019-2020 BUDGET ORDINANCE".

Mayor Landrum made a motion to table the proposed budget ordinance as presented for this agenda as had been requested at the last meeting. Councilmember Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the motion was approved to table the budget ordinance.

Council held discussions regarding paving costs, COLA compensation for employees, the advantages and disadvantages of implementing a sanitation fee, and other factors. Mayor Landrum made a motion to amend the budget adoption ordinance to set the COLA to 5% as recommended in the Town Manager's Proposed Budget, to add \$268,439 for additional paving, eliminate the sanitation fee, amend the property tax rate to 1.9004, and to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Lusk seconded the motion. The motion to amend and approve the budget ordinance on first reading passed with Mayor Landrum, Councilmember Lusk, and Councilmember Murdock in favor and with Councilmember Spalding abstaining.

7. "AN ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY CONTINUE THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020."

Mayor Landrum made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Spalding seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the ordinance was approved on the first reading.

Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the June 24, 2019 meeting.

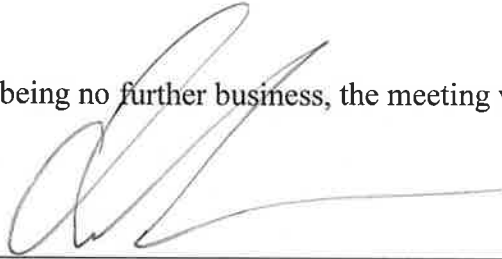
Other Business

Councilmember Lusk asked if the Town was flying the Tree City U.S.A. flag at the Leena J. Givens park. Boyd Veal, Town Manager, will check.

Mayor Landrum asked Council members to be prepared to discuss draft board meeting minutes by the first regular Council meeting in July.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that the Town has received a use permit from Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for the Coolidge Park marker. He said staff have worked with various military groups including the National Heritage Center. He said the Town has been approved for a full-color historical marker and a rock wall. Mr. Veal said Mr. Coolidge's family supports the project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Dan Landrum, Mayor

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Recorder